LOS ANGELES COUNTY - SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

CLASSIFICATION

ACCIDENTAL:	No
GUN TAKE-AWAY:	No
PERSON(S) ARMED:	Yes
PERSON(S) UNARMED:	No
STARTLE:	No
UNINTENTIONAL:	No
DEPUTY IN UNIFORM:	[ ] RAID JACKET: [ ] PLAIN CLOTHES: [X]
VEST WORN:	No
FOOT PURSUIT:	No
VEHICLE PURSUIT:	No
MOVING VEHICLE:	No
VEHICLE STOP:	No
TYPE OF HOLSTER:	None
GUN IN HOLSTER:	No
STRUGGLE INVOLVED:	No

ADDITIONAL FACTS AND INFORMATION:

Off-Duty Deputy Involved Shooting
See Investigative Summary

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INCIDENT DATA

WHAT INITIATED INCIDENT

Call [ ] Observation [XX] Search Warrant [ ] Arrest Warrant [ ]

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE

2nd Street and Pacific Avenue, San Pedro

TYPE OF LOCATION

Residence [ ] Business [XX] Industrial [ ] Parking Lot [XX]

Street [ ] Backyard [ ] Freeway [ ] Rural [ ]

Other [ ] ______________________________

SHOOTING CONDITIONS

DATE	TIME	DAY
06/29/95	0235 Hours	Thursday

LIGHTING

Poor, location removed from street lighting

WEATHER

Clear, Warm

DISTANCE

6-10 feet

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS

See Investigative Summary

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DEPUTY INVOLVED

SHOOTER

EMPLOYEE'S NAME		
BERNASCONI, Raymond		

RANK	EMPLOYEE NO.	UNIT AND DIVISION / REGION OF ASSIGNMENT
Deputy	[redacted]	Court Services West Bureau / Court Services Division

SEX	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	DATE OF BIRTH	AGE
Male	White	6-00	200	[redacted]	34

DUTY STATUS	HIRE DATE
Off-Duty	06-30-81

UNIFORM	RAID JACKET	PLAIN CLOTHES	VEST
No	No	Yes	No

INJURED	DECEASED	CORONER'S CASE NO.
No	No	N/A

DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
None

WAS THE DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM THE SCENE? YES [X] NO [ ]

WAS THE DEPUTY SEQUESTERED PRIOR TO THE INTERVIEW? YES [X] NO [ ]

WHERE? L.A.P.D. Harbor Division

SUPERVISED BY: L.A.P.D. Harbor Division Robbery/Homicide Investigators

WEAPON USED

TYPE	AUTHORIZED
Department Issued 9mm Beretta 92F	[redacted]

AMMUNITION TYPE	AUTHORIZED
Department Issued 9mm	[redacted]

RANGE QUALIFICATION (LAST DATE)	NO. OF ROUNDS FIRED BY DEPUTY	NO. OF HITS
[redacted]	2	2

DEPUTY'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE	TEST FOR CAUSE ORDERED	ORDERED BY
No (Subject's voluntary breath test for alcohol returned 0.00%)		

TRAINING INFORMATION

LASER VILLAGE TRAINING (LAST DATE)	PRACTICAL POLICE COURSE (LAST DATE)
[redacted]	[redacted]

ASSIGNMENT HISTORY

DATE	UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT	RANK
08/02/92 to Present	Court Services West Bureau	Deputy
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	Lomita Station	L.E. Intern

PRIOR SHOOTING INCIDENTS (ALL KNOWN INCIDENTS WHERE DEPUTY HAS DISCHARGED A WEAPON INCLUDING ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGES AND SHOTS FIRED AT ANIMALS OR HUMANS)

FILE	DATE	TYPE
[redacted]		

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SUSPECT/SUBJECT

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	M/I
CREWS	Terris	D.

ADDRESS
[redacted]

SEX:	RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	D.O.B.	AGE	DECEASED
Male	Black	6'02"	250 +	07/09/70	24	No

INJURED	DESCRIPTION OF INJURIES
Yes	Two gunshot wounds: (1) in lower right abdomen; (1) in upper left shoulder

SUSPECT'S TOXICOLOGY

UNDER THE INFLUENCE	
Unknown	
TYPE OF SUBSTANCE	**LAB TEST CONDUCTED**
Unknown	Unknown
ARMED	**TYPE OF WEAPON**
Yes	380 Calibre Semi-Automatic Pistol
NUMBER OF SHOTS FIRED BY SUSPECT	**NUMBER OF HITS**
None	N/A
SUSPECT VEHICLE	
None	

CRIMINAL HISTORY (ATTACH COPY OF RAPS)

See Exhibit F

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT

See Investigative Summary

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

On June 29, 1995, Lieutenant Ron Tardiff and Sergeants Gary Huggins and Paul Stemmler of the Internal Affairs Bureau proceeded to the intersection of 2nd Street and Pacific Avenue in San Pedro, to review a Deputy-Involved Shooting Incident. The shooting occurred in the parking lot of the Top Value Market at 111 South Pacific Avenue, which is located at the northeast corner of the intersection.

The location of the shooting incident is inside the Los Angeles City limits and is within the law enforcement jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Police Department. Investigators from the L.A.P.D. Robbery Homicide Division and the Officer Involved Shooting Section responded to the scene to handle the primary investigation.

Sheriff's Department Homicide Lieutenant Ray Peavy and Detectives Ray Rodriguez and Ron Bosket were present at the scene and had been assigned to monitor the incident. Deputy District Attorney Bill Seki and District Attorney Investigator Norman Biehn were also present. Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators were briefed at the scene by Lieutenant Peavy.

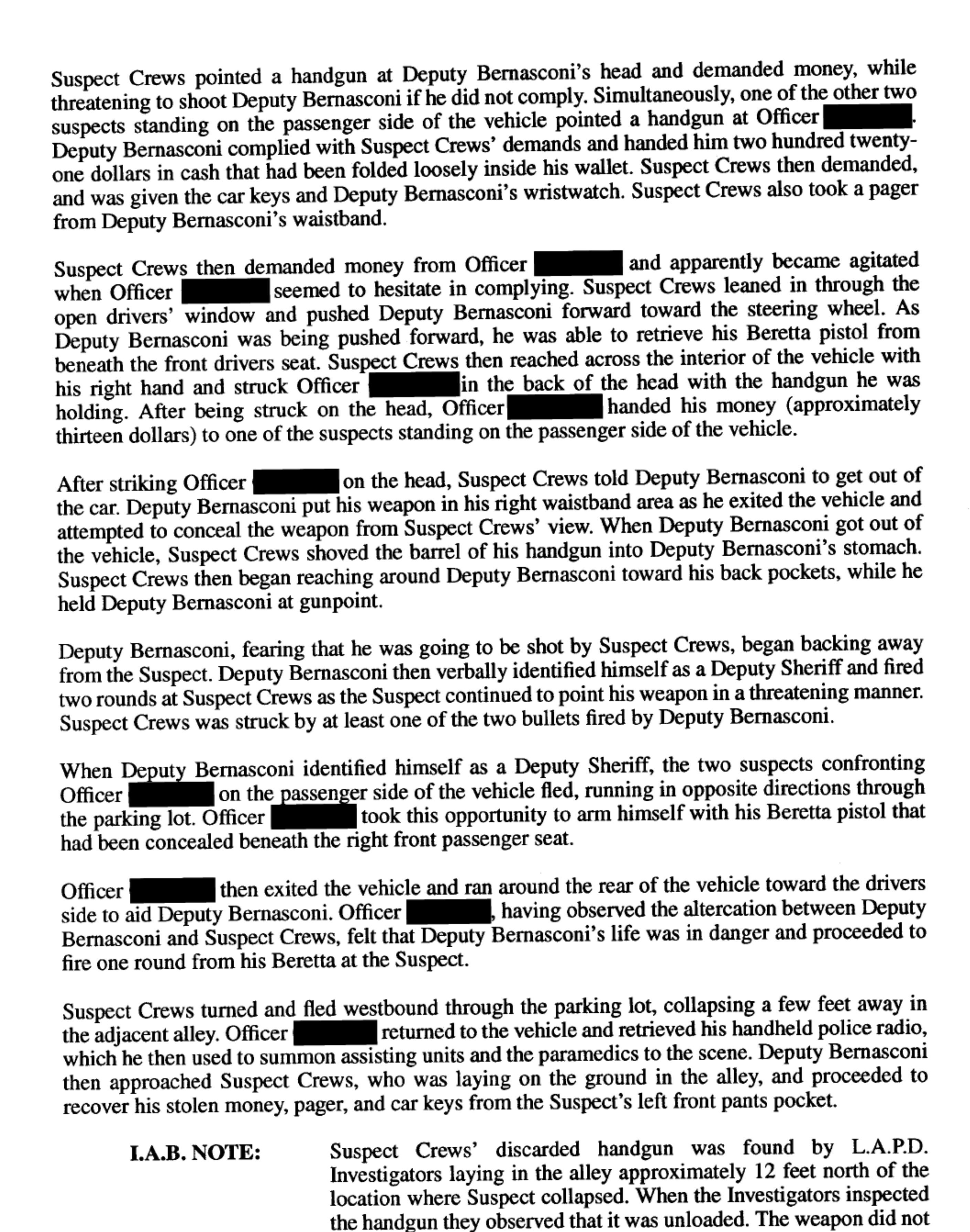
Internal Affairs Bureau Investigators were forwarded copies of the Homicide Bureau Executive Notification Memorandum (Exhibit A) and a Homicide Bureau Supplemental Report (Exhibit B), which included an attached diagram of the shooting location. Internal Affairs Investigators also obtained copies of several L.A.P.D. reports (Arrest, Preliminary Investigation and Follow-Up Investigation) under DR# 95-0521960 (Exhibit C), that recorded additional information about the incident.

The following summary of the incident is based on reports and memoranda contained in this review packet and verbal briefings by Homicide Investigators. This summary is preliminary in nature and does not contain an interview with Deputy Raymond Bernasconi. The summary of his actions was developed from memoranda and reports which are included in this review.

On June 29, 1995, at approximately 0235 hours, Deputy Raymond Bernasconi was involved in an off-duty shooting at 2nd Street and Pacific Avenue in San Pedro. Immediately prior to the shooting, Deputy Bernasconi was seated in the drivers seat of his private vehicle (1976 Mercedes Benz, License # [redacted]), while he talked to a friend ([redacted]) who was a passenger seated in the right front seat of the vehicle. Mr. [redacted] is a Los Angeles Police Officer currently assigned to Harbor Division and he was also off-duty at the time of the incident.

I.A.B. NOTE: Officer [redacted] is depicted in a photograph (Exhibit D) contained in this review packet with long hair and a beard. His appearance is explained by noting that he was working a temporary duty assignment as an undercover officer investigating receivers of stolen property.

Deputy Bernasconi and Officer [redacted] had left a nearby cocktail lounge a short time earlier and they stopped in the parking lot to talk. Both officers were dressed in civilian clothes at the time. As the officers were talking, a male black (later identified as Suspect Terris Crews) approached the open driver's window, while two other male blacks approached the open passenger window of the vehicle.



Suspect Crews pointed a handgun at Deputy Bernasconi's head and demanded money, while threatening to shoot Deputy Bernasconi if he did not comply. Simultaneously, one of the other two suspects standing on the passenger side of the vehicle pointed a handgun at Officer [redacted]. Deputy Bernasconi complied with Suspect Crews' demands and handed him two hundred twenty-one dollars in cash that had been folded loosely inside his wallet. Suspect Crews then demanded, and was given the car keys and Deputy Bernasconi's wristwatch. Suspect Crews also took a pager from Deputy Bernasconi's waistband.

Suspect Crews then demanded money from Officer [redacted] and apparently became agitated when Officer [redacted] seemed to hesitate in complying. Suspect Crews leaned in through the open drivers' window and pushed Deputy Bernasconi forward toward the steering wheel. As Deputy Bernasconi was being pushed forward, he was able to retrieve his Beretta pistol from beneath the front drivers seat. Suspect Crews then reached across the interior of the vehicle with his right hand and struck Officer [redacted] in the back of the head with the handgun he was holding. After being struck on the head, Officer [redacted] handed his money (approximately thirteen dollars) to one of the suspects standing on the passenger side of the vehicle.

After striking Officer [redacted] on the head, Suspect Crews told Deputy Bernasconi to get out of the car. Deputy Bernasconi put his weapon in his right waistband area as he exited the vehicle and attempted to conceal the weapon from Suspect Crews' view. When Deputy Bernasconi got out of the vehicle, Suspect Crews shoved the barrel of his handgun into Deputy Bernasconi's stomach. Suspect Crews then began reaching around Deputy Bernasconi toward his back pockets, while he held Deputy Bernasconi at gunpoint.

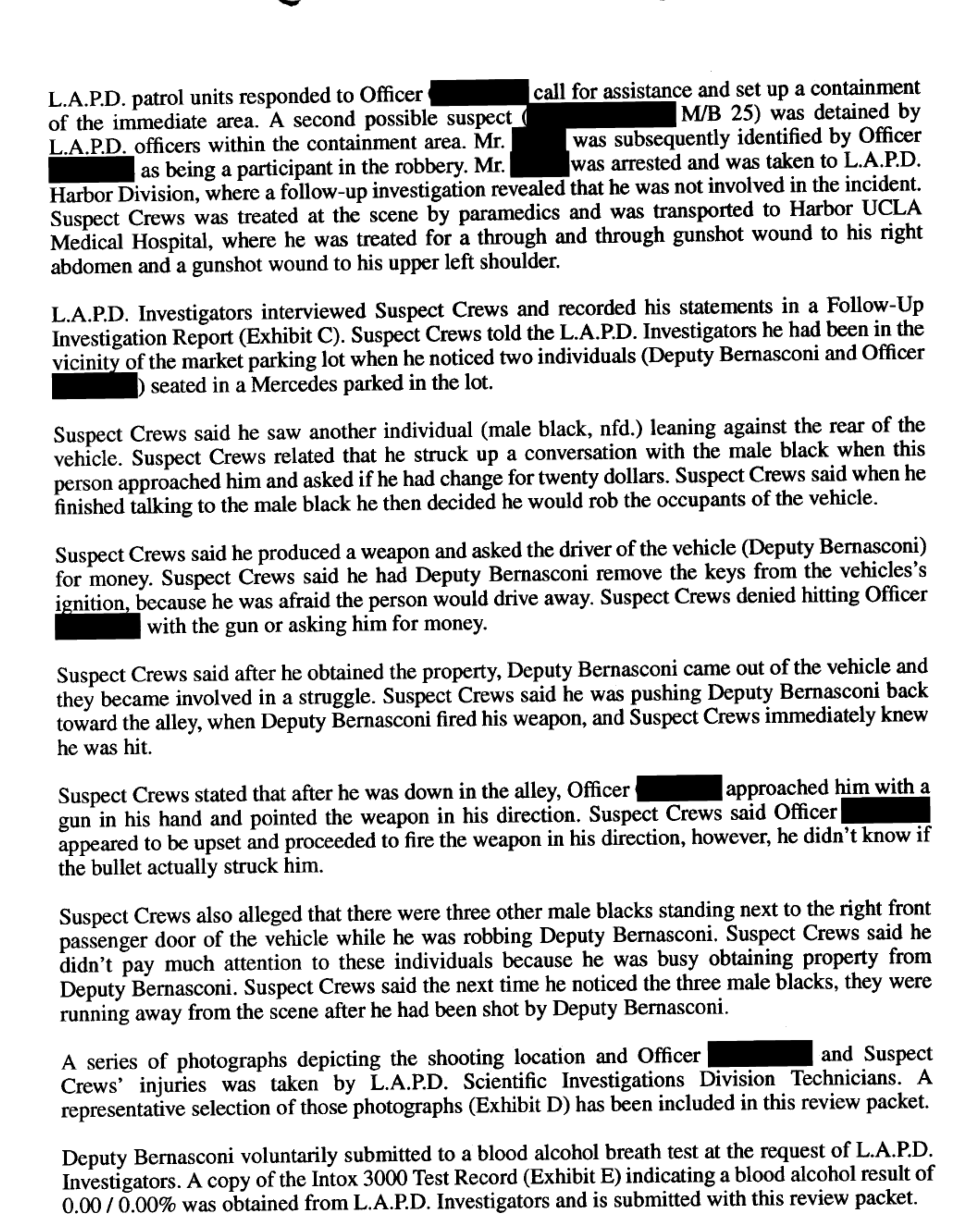
Deputy Bernasconi, fearing that he was going to be shot by Suspect Crews, began backing away from the Suspect. Deputy Bernasconi then verbally identified himself as a Deputy Sheriff and fired two rounds at Suspect Crews as the Suspect continued to point his weapon in a threatening manner. Suspect Crews was struck by at least one of the two bullets fired by Deputy Bernasconi.

When Deputy Bernasconi identified himself as a Deputy Sheriff, the two suspects confronting Officer [redacted] on the passenger side of the vehicle fled, running in opposite directions through the parking lot. Officer [redacted] took this opportunity to arm himself with his Beretta pistol that had been concealed beneath the right front passenger seat.

Officer [redacted] then exited the vehicle and ran around the rear of the vehicle toward the drivers side to aid Deputy Bernasconi. Officer [redacted], having observed the altercation between Deputy Bernasconi and Suspect Crews, felt that Deputy Bernasconi's life was in danger and proceeded to fire one round from his Beretta at the Suspect.

Suspect Crews turned and fled westbound through the parking lot, collapsing a few feet away in the adjacent alley. Officer [redacted] returned to the vehicle and retrieved his handheld police radio, which he then used to summon assisting units and the paramedics to the scene. Deputy Bernasconi then approached Suspect Crews, who was laying on the ground in the alley, and proceeded to recover his stolen money, pager, and car keys from the Suspect's left front pants pocket.

I.A.B. NOTE: Suspect Crews' discarded handgun was found by L.A.P.D. Investigators laying in the alley approximately 12 feet north of the location where Suspect collapsed. When the Investigators inspected the handgun they observed that it was unloaded. The weapon did not have a bullet clip and there was no round in the chamber.



L.A.P.D. patrol units responded to Officer [redacted] call for assistance and set up a containment of the immediate area. A second possible suspect ([redacted] M/B 25) was detained by L.A.P.D. officers within the containment area. Mr. [redacted] was subsequently identified by Officer [redacted] as being a participant in the robbery. Mr. [redacted] was arrested and was taken to L.A.P.D. Harbor Division, where a follow-up investigation revealed that he was not involved in the incident. Suspect Crews was treated at the scene by paramedics and was transported to Harbor UCLA Medical Hospital, where he was treated for a through and through gunshot wound to his right abdomen and a gunshot wound to his upper left shoulder.

L.A.P.D. Investigators interviewed Suspect Crews and recorded his statements in a Follow-Up Investigation Report (Exhibit C). Suspect Crews told the L.A.P.D. Investigators he had been in the vicinity of the market parking lot when he noticed two individuals (Deputy Bernasconi and Officer [redacted]) seated in a Mercedes parked in the lot.

Suspect Crews said he saw another individual (male black, nfd.) leaning against the rear of the vehicle. Suspect Crews related that he struck up a conversation with the male black when this person approached him and asked if he had change for twenty dollars. Suspect Crews said when he finished talking to the male black he then decided he would rob the occupants of the vehicle.

Suspect Crews said he produced a weapon and asked the driver of the vehicle (Deputy Bernasconi) for money. Suspect Crews said he had Deputy Bernasconi remove the keys from the vehicles's ignition, because he was afraid the person would drive away. Suspect Crews denied hitting Officer [redacted] with the gun or asking him for money.

Suspect Crews said after he obtained the property, Deputy Bernasconi came out of the vehicle and they became involved in a struggle. Suspect Crews said he was pushing Deputy Bernasconi back toward the alley, when Deputy Bernasconi fired his weapon, and Suspect Crews immediately knew he was hit.

Suspect Crews stated that after he was down in the alley, Officer [redacted] approached him with a gun in his hand and pointed the weapon in his direction. Suspect Crews said Officer [redacted] appeared to be upset and proceeded to fire the weapon in his direction, however, he didn't know if the bullet actually struck him.

Suspect Crews also alleged that there were three other male blacks standing next to the right front passenger door of the vehicle while he was robbing Deputy Bernasconi. Suspect Crews said he didn't pay much attention to these individuals because he was busy obtaining property from Deputy Bernasconi. Suspect Crews said the next time he noticed the three male blacks, they were running away from the scene after he had been shot by Deputy Bernasconi.

A series of photographs depicting the shooting location and Officer [redacted] and Suspect Crews' injuries was taken by L.A.P.D. Scientific Investigations Division Technicians. A representative selection of those photographs (Exhibit D) has been included in this review packet.

Deputy Bernasconi voluntarily submitted to a blood alcohol breath test at the request of L.A.P.D. Investigators. A copy of the Intox 3000 Test Record (Exhibit E) indicating a blood alcohol result of 0.00 / 0.00% was obtained from L.A.P.D. Investigators and is submitted with this review packet.

IAB Investigators obtained a copy of Suspect Crews' California Criminal History Record (Exhibit F) and it has been included in this review packet.